

*A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change*

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to respond to the needs of our constituents with respect to overall competitive market conditions and customer satisfaction.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange represents that proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>2</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4)<sup>3</sup> in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among the Exchange's members and other persons using its facilities.

*B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

*C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

**III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

The foregoing rule change constitutes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange and, therefore, has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>4</sup> and subparagraph (3)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>5</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

**IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange

Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the New York Stock Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-97-35 and should be submitted by January 23, 1998.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>6</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice #2672]

**Determination on International Development Association's Reconstruction Assistance Project (RAP) Credit to Bosnia**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 573(e) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1998 ("FOAA," Pub. L. 105-188), I hereby waive the application of section 573(b) of the FOAA with regard to the International Development Association's (IDA) Reconstruction Assistance Project Credit.

I hereby determine the IDA Reconstruction Assistance Project directly supports the implementation of the Dayton Agreement and its Annexes.

This Determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 15, 1997.

**Strobe Talbott,**

Acting Secretary of State.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice #2673]

**Determination on USAID Bilateral Assistance to the Republika Srpska**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 573(e) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1998 ("FOAA," Pub. L. 105-118), I hereby waive the application of section 573(a) of the FOAA with regard to USAID-funded programs in the Republika Srpska.

I hereby determine that USAID's Municipal Infrastructure and Services Program, Bosnia Business Development Program, Economic Reform Program and Democratic Reform Program directly support the implementation of the Dayton Agreement and its Annexes.

This Determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 15, 1997.

**Strobe Talbott,**

Acting, Secretary of State.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice No. 2668]

**Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy; Meeting Notice**

The Department of State is holding the next meeting of its Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy. The Committee provides a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination on major economic, social and legal issues and problems in international communications and information policy, especially as these issues and problems involve users of information and communication services, providers of such services, technology research and development, foreign industrial and regulatory policy, the activities of international organizations with regard to communications and information, and developing country interests.

The guest speakers at the meeting will include Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs Princeton Lyman who will talk about the United Nation organizations, including the International Telecommunication Union. Also, Mr. Bruce Lehman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks will speak on current

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e)(2).

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).